

Senate Resolution 351

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Mr. Hiram A. (Joe) Little on being named a Distinguished
2 Senior Georgian for 2007; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hiram A. Little was born in Eatonton, Georgia, on March 31, 1919, and
4 was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen; and

5 WHEREAS, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II from 1941 to 1945,
6 assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron at Tuskegee Army Air Field, where he installed and
7 maintained weapons systems on fighter aircraft and later became a navigator-bombardier as
8 a crew member and flight officer on the B-25 Bomber, assigned to the 477th Bomber Group;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he is a former scout master and one of the founders of the Explorers Scout
11 Program for the Atlanta Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., and holds the record for the
12 number of public appearances for Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., annually averaging about 30
13 appearances at public schools and colleges; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Little is a constant contributor to Aviation Career Enrichment camps,
15 conducted by the Organization of Black Airline Pilots, the National Coalition of Black
16 Federal Aviation Employees, the Alliance of Black Telecommunications Employees, the
17 Explorer Scout Programs in Georgia and Alabama, and serves on the Board of Directors at
18 the American Museum of Patriotism and the Atlanta Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.,
19 where he serves as the chaplain; and

20 WHEREAS, "Hiram A. Little Day" is celebrated annually every third Sunday in February
21 at the Texas African Methodist Episcopal Church in Eatonton, Georgia, as a testament to his
22 many contributions; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Little has the energy and tenacity of a much younger man and continues
2 to inspire the young and old alike, encouraging them to recognize and appreciate the
3 importance of developing a positive self-worth.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 recognize the amazing life of Mr. Hiram A. (Joe) Little, congratulate him on being named
6 a Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2007, and extend to him their sincerest best wishes for
7 his future health and fulfillment.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Hiram A. (Joe) Little.